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TOPIC Troops Leaving Rathenow

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REMARKS

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1. At 3:15 p.m. on 20 April 1952, a train carrying 15 to 20 x 120-mm mortars and about 28 trucks, [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] was seen at the Rathenow (N 53/2 15) railroad station, proceeding in the direction of Brandenburg. A train which included 8 boxcars and carried 18 x 120-mm mortars, 3 cross-country cars and 25 to 30 trucks with artillery symbols left the Nordbahnhof at about 6 p.m. The material probably came from the Infanterie Kaserne. A train carrying between 12 and 15 x 120-mm mortars and trucks [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] was seen leaving the Nordbahnhof at about 4 p.m. on 21 April. At about 6 p.m. on 20 April, troops engaged in preparations for departure included:

Infanterie Kaserne. Between 100 and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes. Pionier Kaserne. About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

Kraftfahrer Kaserne. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] and prime movers [redacted] 25X1

Ziethen Kaserne. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] *

2. A train carrying 18 tanks, 8 trucks and 8 motorcycles was seen passing through Rathenow in the direction of Stendal at 8:30 a.m. on 20 April. ** 25X1

* [redacted] Comment. The trains and preparations for shipment mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report supplement information [redacted] that 8 shipments of the 6th Arty Div went to Altengrabow between 15 and 20 April 1952. 25X1

[redacted] The trains carrying mortars probably carried units of the 65th (?) Mort Brig. It is believed, however, that the number of 50 x 120-mm mortars is somewhat too large as if the brigade were equipped with 64 mortars at least 50 percent of the mortars should be 160-mm mortars. 25X1

** [redacted] Comment. The train carrying tanks mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report probably belonged to the 10th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the division moved from Krampnitz to Letzling Heath between 15 and 20 April on about 13 trains. [redacted] 25X1

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